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 Safety and Health Consultant's Report

July 15, 1970

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Mr. Herb Finch, Manager  
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**CONCERNED**

7200 Walker Street  
 St. Louis Park, Minnesota

**REPORTED BY**

V. L. Fuehfeldt, safety consultant,  
 on July 1, 1970

**PERSONS CONTACTED**

Herb Finch, manager  
 Marie Burton, superintendent  
 Bill Justin, superintendent

**REPORT SUMMARY**

We reviewed the accidents which have occurred in recent months. Mr. Cheney suffered a laceration on the cedar end boring mill. Mr. Edgescrb had a railroad crossing train hit his foot, causing fracture. Mr. Newton was lifting, and twisted his knee. Mr. Zandvoe suffered a chain saw laceration on his arm.

We reviewed the accident prevention controls in effect, and discussed additional controls which could be used to strengthen accident prevention. The additional controls discussed are as follows:

1. Establish a written policy on safety, together with safety rules and standards. To assist in this, I left a copy of the National Safety Council publication, entitled "Emergency policies on Occupational Safety."
2. Help the safety responsibility to supervisory people. Make them realize that safety is a part of their job, and that they must do certain things, such as enforce use of hard hats.
3. Conduct monthly plant safety inspections and keep records safe. Follow up with appropriate corrective action as necessary. Our form, 'Safety Inspector's Report,' has been provided.

This confirmation report concerns only such conditions and practices as were observed and considered at the time of this call. It is not intended to indicate that all other hazards are adequately controlled.

If you have any comments or questions concerning this report, write to G. B. Lemke, Vice-President, Safety & Health Services.

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4. Require the use of hard hats.
5. It would be advisable to require the use of ear defenders in noisy locations. The sizer and borer mill is such a location.

"Concrete spills occasionally fall from the ceiling of the refinery building. Corrective action should be taken to eliminate this hazard.

"Mr. Finch informed me that the old roof over the tar cistern will be replaced.

"When hiring, applications are used, and the references are checked. The use of pre-employment physical examinations might be considered. We also reviewed the Minnesota Second Injury Law.

"Mr. Barton and I surveyed the yard. Mr. Justin and I surveyed the refinery. I was pleased to note the improved housekeeping in the yard. Electrical equipment is all grounded, Mr. Barton indicated.

"We noted one loose gas cylinder in the machine shop. These should be kept chained to the wall or in racks.

"In the refinery, Mr. Justin and I noticed one old ladder. Mr. Justin agreed to discard this old ladder.

"First-aid supplies are on hand. Mr. Raymond Graham, who recently took the advanced Red Cross first-aid training course, administers first aid. Mr. Graham keeps a record of all first aid administered."

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